

REMARKS

Claims 9-23 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-8 were previously canceled.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 13 for a minor informality. By the foregoing Amendment, claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 9, such that withdrawal of this objection is requested.

On page 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 9-23 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of co-pending application No. 10/192,632. Because the double patenting rejection is provisional, it need not be further addressed at this time.

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9, 12, 14 and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner objected to various features in claims 9, 12, 14 and 20-23 as lacking antecedent basis. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 9, 12-14 and 20-23 to address the specific objections raised by the Examiner. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S. C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, and submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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